

520.39555X00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: S. SHIMA, et al
Serial No.: 09/769,270
Filed: January 26, 2001
For: Data management system for storages
Group: 2172
Examiner: H. Pham

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 27, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the second month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action dated July 27, 2004. A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the amount of \$450.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER & MALUR, P.C., Account No. 50-1417 (Case No. 520.39555X00).

Respectfully submitted,


12/28/2004 YPOLITE1 00000172 09769270

01 FC:1252

450.00 0P

MATTINGLY, STANGER & MALUR, P.C.

CIB/jdc
703/684-1120


Carl I. Brundidge
Registration No. 29,621

32,846